

Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions
Week of April 16th, 2023
Sermon Series: Jonah
Sermon Theme: "What Does Calling Mean?"
Primary Text(s): Jonah 1:1-3 and 3:1-2

1. *Share your experiences on the discipleship you have received on what it means to be "called" by God?*
 - a. *What are or have been your primary callings in your life?*
2. **Read Jonah 1:1-2 in the KJV, Jonah 1:3 in the Wycliffe version, and Jonah 3:1-2 in the KJV.**
 - a. In these passages we learn that Jonah is called to:
 - i. **Be Present with the Lord (God in us)**
 1. Jonah was called to arise and enter God's presence (see Jonah 1:1-2). Like Jonah, we are called to enter God's presence by turning our face to God's face.
 - a. *Discuss steps your group may commit to this week to help each other to grow in the habit of turning your faces to God.*
 2. Jonah rebelled against God by turning his back to God's face.
 - a. *Share signs that point to a life that has turned their backs to God's face.*
 - b. *How would you approach a fellow believer—who you know well—if you observe them displaying any of the signs you compiled in response to the previous question to help them to turn their faces "back" to God?*
 - ii. **Follow the Lord (God working in us)**
 1. In this Old Testament book, we also learn that God calls Jonah to follow His command to go to the city of Nineveh. Go—in this context—is concerned with following where God directs and guides us.
 - a. *Talk about personal examples of God calling/prompting you to follow His directives and guidance.*

2. "The Fugitives' Ship." A fugitive's ship was a "vehicle" that was used to take (draw) Jonah away from God's presence.
 - a. *Name a few potential "vehicles" that act as temptations to draw (take) us away from God's presence in our age.*
 - b. *Is there or are there vehicles that are tempting you to be drawn (taken) away from God in this season of your life? Are you in a vehicle right now?*
3. "The Lord's Fish." The Lord's fish was the unlikely "vehicle" that delivered Jonah from the storm he endured.
 - a. *Pray to God to give you eyes to see the vehicles that He is providing in your life to deliver you from temptations and sins that draw/take us away from His presence.*